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INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR WELCOMES ACT MOVING TO EMISSIONS-BASED REGO

Infrastructure Partnerships Australia has welcomed the ACT Government taking the first step towards a rational road user charging system. Today's announcement signals the move from current weight-based to emissions-based rego.

"This is the first step on a journey the Chief Minister flagged last year, with emissions-based rego to be followed by distance based road user charges," said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia Chief Executive Adrian Dwyer.

"Paying for impact and usage is the fairest way to fund our road system, so it makes sense to nudge the current last century system toward a modern future.

"Industry will be particularly pleased that this first tentative step reasserts the ACT's journey towards a full road user charging model.

"The final destination is a road user charging system that covers all vehicles based on the impact they make and the distance they travel. The next step must be a distance-based charge for Electric Vehicles and ultimately the wider fleet.

"We are at a turning point; fuel excise is in terminal decline and electric vehicle sales are on the uptake. Electric vehicles currently only represent only a small fraction of new car sales, so it's vital these reforms are in place before there are electric cars in every street.

"That change should rightly happen alongside the generous incentives in place for low emission vehicle uptake in the ACT.

"The ACT Government should be commended for this ambitious timeframe to begin the transition to an emissions-based system on 1 July 2024."

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